

***“American Idols:
Sandblasting the Idol of Significance”***

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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Seek significance and approval in God alone, the only source that matters.

1) RECOGNIZE THE LIE OF SIGNIFICANCE
(2 Corinthians 11:1-15)

2) REVEAL THE TRUTH OF SIGNIFICANCE (11:16-33, 12:1-8)

3) REPLACE THE IDOL OF SIGNIFICANCE (12:9-10)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 2 Kings 23:1-25

Discussion Questions

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER – Describe someone in your life (apart from God) who has made you feel wanted, valued, and significant.

- 1) What are some ways we pursue significance (good or bad)?
- 2) What fears or desires drive our pursuit of significance?
- 3) What is the danger of finding your significance in your achievements? In the approval of others? In relationships?
- 4) How can the search for significance or approval become idols?
- 5) How can the pursuit of significance lead to compromising our purity, integrity, or spiritual walk?
- 6) How would Jesus answer our fear of being rejected, or being alone?
- 7) How does the cross answer your need for approval and love?
- 8) How does the pursuit of significance manifest in your life?
- 9) What will you do to counter the idol of significance in your life?
- 10) How can we pray for you this week?